

Joseph Jicha Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Ingalls Library and Museum Archives
Creator - Author	Jicha, Joseph W., 1901-1960
Title	Joseph Jicha Collection
Date	1920s-1940s
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet
Language	English

Biographical Note

Joseph Jicha spent his career as a commercial artist, but his fine art consisted primarily of watercolors. Born in Austria-Hungary in 1901, his family emigrated to the United States when he was an infant. Settling in Cleveland, Jicha graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Art and worked for several design firms over the course of his career. He was an early member of the Kokoon Arts Club. His Kokoon membership application is part of the museum archives' Kokoon Club collection. He was also a member of the Cleveland Society of Artists.

A longstanding May Show contributor, Jicha exhibited watercolors, drawings, and illustrations from 1928 to 1956. He won several third prizes and honorable mentions for his work. He also won acclaim and prizes from the Chicago Art Institute, Butler Art Museum, and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Much of his inspiration came from trips to Mexico, South America, and the Caribbean. He also exhibited at Cleveland's Korner & Wood Gallery and the Little Gallery of Cleveland College. His 1940 watercolor, "Atlantic Low" is in the permanent collection of the museum. Jicha passed away unexpectedly at the age of 59 in 1960.

Scope and Contents Note

This small collection contains records of the artistic output of Joseph Jicha. His handwritten index cards document the exhibition and sale of his watercolors at various venues throughout the midwest. The prices at which he offered the works for sale are included, as well as on the labels and tags, including those for the May Show. A small group of black and white photographs completes the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Art -- Ohio -- Cleveland.
- Art, American -- Ohio -- 20th century.
- Artists -- Ohio -- Cleveland.
- Graphic arts -- Ohio -- Cleveland.
- Watercolor painting, American--20th century

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Index of artworks 1920s-1940s	1	1
Labels and tags for works of art submitted to exhibitions 1920s-1940s	1	2
Loose scrapbook material undated	1	3
Photographs of artworks undated	1	4
		Folder
Joseph W. Jicha, 1901-1960 Scrapbook 1920s-1940s		oversize